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12 April 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with []

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25X1A9a 1. On this date [] Office of the General Counsel,
25X1A9a requested that I contact [] at his home in Pennsylvania and
25X1A9a pass on to him the salary information contained in a memorandum from
25X1A9a [] to the Office of the General Counsel, dated 18
25X1A9a March 1955. [] stated that he had talked with Mr. Houston
25X1A9a a short time before and it was Mr. Houston's desire that I make the
telephone call since only Mr. Houston and I were currently maintain-
ing contact with []

25X1A9a 2. At approximately 11 A.M., I placed a call to [] at
25X1A9a his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (telephone number []
25X1A9a [] I greeted [] and told him that some salary infor-
25X1A9a mation pertaining to his 1954 earnings with our organization had
come to my attention and, thinking it might be of use to him in the
preparation of his tax returns, I was calling to pass the information
on to him. At this point [] assumed a most unfriendly atti-
tude, one which has never been present in any of our previous conver-
sations. He indicated that he had not filed an income tax return and
that he had no intention of doing so. He said that if the Internal
Revenue people came after him that he would refer them to "you know
who in Washington." He also stated the following:

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"Your organization has pushed me as far as I can possibly be pushed. For the years of service I spent with that outfit, I have been treated like a dog. At the moment I don't have a dollar to my name. I am living on my family and am a disgrace. I can't get a job, can't buy insurance or anything. I cannot stand this type of treatment much longer. I will not tolerate it. I want, expect and demand retribution. If I am pushed any farther, I will spill my guts to anyone who wants to listen. I am completely fed up with the whole damn business. As you may know, if I talk half the outfit will go down the drain. I want to be left alone. If something isn't done, I will defect and I don't think you want that."

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3. I indicated to [] that I was unaware of this side of things. However, I told him that I would look into the matter. I asked him if Larry (meaning Mr. Houston) was aware of this situation and he said "you're damn right he is. Larry is a close per-

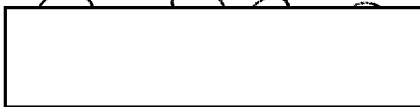
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sonal friend of mine, but he has been unable to do me a bit of good." Throughout the conversation, [] reiterated that he was not blaming me because he knew that I was not directly involved. We discussed his compensation claim and its present status. He was appreciative of our efforts in this respect. However, he kept returning to the major problem with renewed emphasis.

4. I indicated that I would discuss our conversation with Mr. Houston and the inference, if not the actual word, was that someone would be back in touch with him.

5. The essence of the above information was conveyed to Mr. Houston at approximately 4:30 P.M. on this date.

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